

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 remain pending in this application. Claims 1, 4-5, and 10-12 are independent. In light of the remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 10, 13, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Solhjell et al.* (USP 5,375,245); and rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Solhjell et al.* in view of *Mitchell et al.* (USP 5,987,614). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating claims 2-9, 11-12, 14-15, 17-18, and 20-21 contain allowable subject matter.

Prior Art Rejections

In support of the Examiner's rejection of claim 1, the Examiner asserts that *Solhjell et al.* discloses the claimed invention, merely referring to display device and host device 1, and synchronization pulses 4. Applicants respectfully disagree that the cited reference anticipates the claimed invention.

In the prior Official Action, the Examiner rejected the claims as being anticipated by *Mitchell et al.* In response to these rejections, Applicants argued that while *Mitchell et al.* teaches a subsystem monitoring the occurrence of an address on an address bus, there is no teaching or suggestion in *Mitchell et al.* that is

directed to the at least one display device monitoring a state of coupling with the host device.

It appears that the Examiner has cited new art with analogous teachings. The disclosure of *Solhjell et al.* is directed to an apparatus for automatically reducing the power consumption of a CRT computer monitor. *Solhjell et al.* accomplishes this by monitoring the receipt of synchronization pulses by the synchronization pulse detector 4. Every time a synchronization signal is detected, a trigger signal is sent to a special timing unit 5. If no pulses are received within a specified time limit, it sends a signal to a power control unit which in turn controls the turning off and on the certain portion of the monitor system (col. 4, lines 14-20).

In contrast, the present invention as provided in claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, an image display system comprising at least one display device connected to a host device wherein an image is displayed on the at least one display device in accordance with an image signal which is output from the host device and the at least one display device monitors a state of coupling with the host device. As *Solhjell et al.* merely detects the synchronization pulses received by the detector 4, *Solhjell et al.* fails to teach monitoring a state of coupling with the host device. As *Solhjell et al.* fails to teach or suggest all of the claim elements, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over *Solhjell et al.*

It is respectfully submitted that claims 13 and 19 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1 at least based upon their dependency on claim 1. It is further respectfully submitted that claim 10 contains elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1, and thus claim 10, together with claims dependent thereon, are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

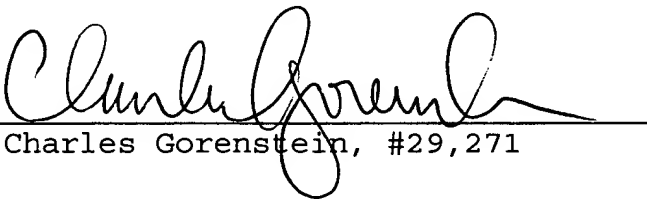
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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